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"Sondra Riviello" <SRiviello@kingstonpa.org>

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Don,

We were served with the attached document earlier today. Please call me or Paul for further details. Our labor relations attorney is Bradley Betack at Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo in Philadelphia.

Sondra Riviello

Finance Secretary

Municipality of Kingston

500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704

Tel: 570-288-4576 Fax: 570-288-9493

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Plaintiff

IN THE COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION - LAW

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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BOROUGH OF KINGSTON and MAYOR JAMES HAGGERTY

Defendants

NO. 20175100

#### **NOTICE**

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You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claim set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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#### **COMPLAINT**

NOW come the Plaintiff, GEORGE KOCHER, by his attorney, Cynthia L. Pollick, Esquire, and files the following Complaint against Defendants and avers as follows:

1. Plaintiff, GEORGE KOCHER, is a Police Officer for Defendant Borough of Kingston and has worked for the Borough of Kingston for over 12 years.

- 2. Defendant, BOROUGH OF KINGSTON, is a municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a business address of 500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston PA 18704.
- 3. Defendant, MAYOR JAMES HAGGERTY, was responsible for all decision related to the Police Department, and has a business address of 500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston PA 18704.

## COUNT I RETALIATION FOR FILING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM PLAINTIFF V. DEFENDANTS

- 4. Paragraphs 1-3 above are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein at length.
  - 5. On June 8, 2015, Plaintiff was injured on the job.
- 6. Plaintiff sustained a work-related left knee injury that required arthroscopy surgery.
  - 7. In August 2015, Plaintiff filed for workers' compensation benefits.
- 8. On September 22, 2015, Plaintiff was told that his work related doctor's excuse was insufficient.
- 9. Plaintiff told Defendants that it was the same excuse that had been accepted on a prior occasion.

- 10. Defendants told Plaintiff to go to Dr. Raklewicz's office and get released for light duty.
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- 21. Plaintiff was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the certified list for eligible applicants for the position of Detective.
- 22. Although Plaintiff was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list, Defendants refused to interview or select him for the position of Detective although he should have received that position.
  - 23. In all past selections, all eligible candidates were interviewed.
- 24. Plaintiff was not given the position of Detective because of he filed a claim for workers' compensation benefits.

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below him, John Anthony, received the position of Detective, which should

have been given to Plaintiff.

26. All the actions taken above were done in retaliation for Plaintiff

having filed a workers' compensation claim.

27. The actions by Defendants, as described herein, were willful,

deliberate, intentional, outrageous, and carried out with extreme indifference

to Plaintiff's rights, such that an award of punitive damages is warranted.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff KOCHER demands judgment against Defendants

in an amount in excess of \$50,000.00 and all remedies available, including but

not limited, installment in a Detective position, lost wages, front pay,

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A jury trial is demanded.

By:

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#### VERIFICATION

I, Cynthia L. Pollick, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says, that she is the attorney for Plaintiff, George Kocher, and that Plaintiff were unable to sign the foregoing Complaint within the time required, and upon information and belief, the facts contacted in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Cynthia L. Pollick

Exhibit "B"

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#### AMENDED COMPLAINT

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# COUNT TWO DISCRIMINATION/RETALIATION FOR REQUESTING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION ADAAA/PHRA

- 28. Paragraphs 1-27 above are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 29. Defendants employed at least 15 employees at all material times hereto, and is an "employer" as defined by ADAAA.

- 30. All conditions precedent to jurisdiction under ADAAA have occurred or have been complied with as follows:
  - a. A charge of employment discrimination was filed with the PHRC/EEOC within 180 days of the discrimination.
  - b. A notice of right to sue was issued by EEOC, and this Complaint was filed within 90 days of receipt of EEOC's notice of right to sue.
  - c. All the discriminatory employment practices and conduct alleged herein were committed within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
  - d. Plaintiff exhausted his administrative remedies in good faith.
- 31. In or around August 2015, Plaintiff requested a leave of absence due to a medical condition.
- 32. Instead of honoring such request, in direct retaliation for requesting a reasonable accommodation Defendant Borough of Kingston and it agents began harassing Plaintiff, including but not limited to, by not accepting his doctor's note, insisting he get released to light duty, continuous calls regarding his medical condition, advising incorrectly that he could not see his private medical doctor, not interviewing him for the open Detective

position, which he was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the eligibility list and by failing to hire him for

that position.

33. Defendant Borough of Kingston and its agents discriminated

against Plaintiff because of his medical condition when they failed to hire him

for the open position of Detective when they selected the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked individual

over him.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Cynthia L Pollick, Esquire, hereby certifies that on October 30, 2017, she served a copy of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint on Defendants' counsel by serving a copy via email:

Sean P. McDonough, Esquire Dougherty, Leventhal & Price, LLP 75 Glenmaura National Blvd. Moosic, PA 18507

> <u>s/Cynthia L. Pollick</u> Cynthia L Pollick, Esquire